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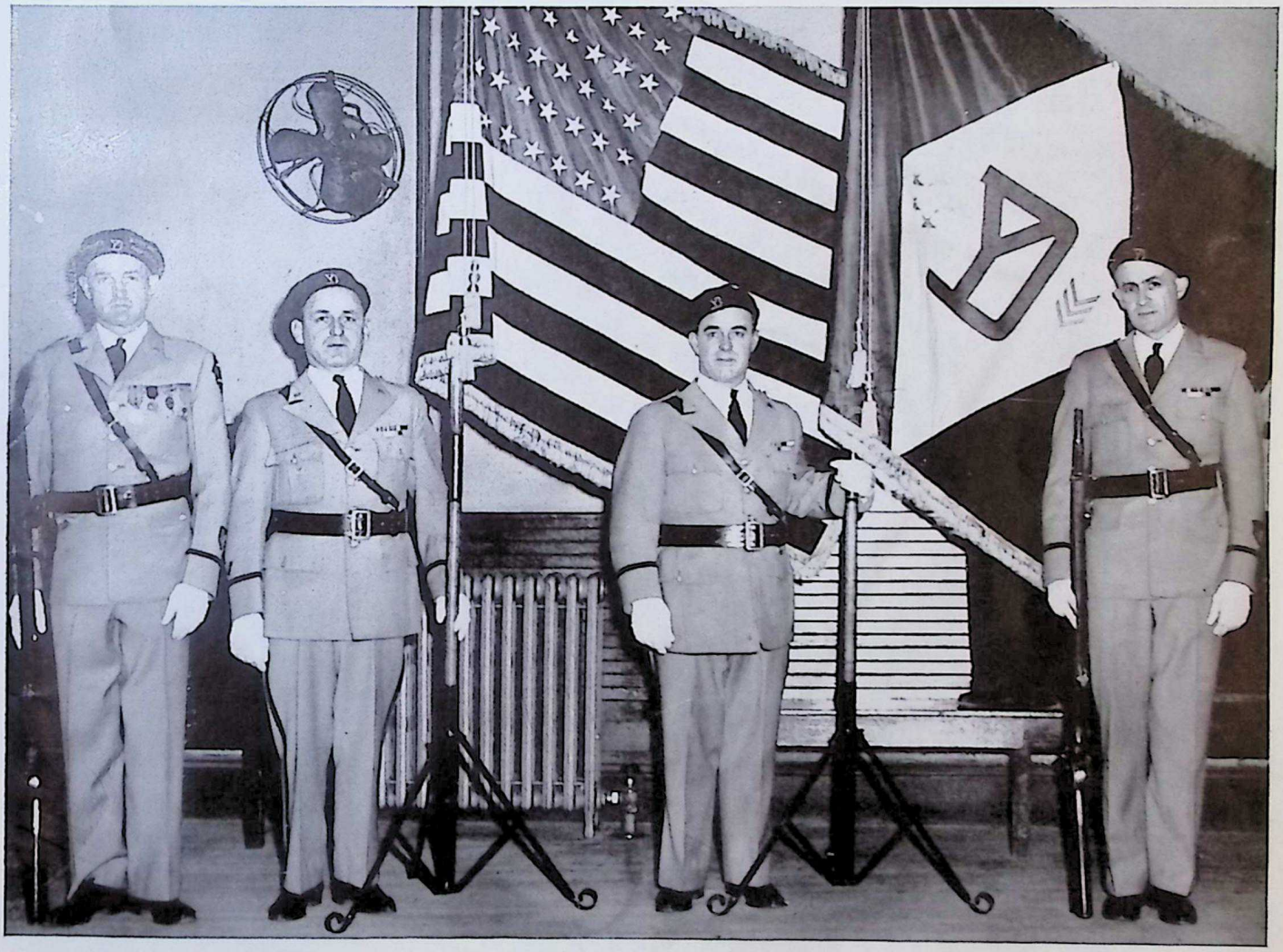

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ARTICLE III

PURPOSE

The purpose and object of this Association shall be to perpetuate the memories of active service of the 26th Division, U. S. Army, in the World War; to promote fraternity and mutual helpfulness among its members; to aid and assist all former members of the Division, their wives, children and other dependents in every possible manner; and to do any and all other things which may from time to time appear advisable for the welfare and closer relationship of the veterans of the 26th Division.

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Do you wear the Official Insignia? Let the world know you belong to the greatest and most exclusive outfit in the country, by wearing the button at all times. When you meet a stranger where do you look first? At his lapel to see if he is wearing a service button and if it is YD, that is all the introduction needed. Buttons may be obtained at National Headquarters for 25 cents each.

WATERVILLE NEXT BABY CHAPTER

The baby chapter for the Association is or will be at the next Executive meeting, Waterville, Maine. Chief of Police POIRER has at last signed up the required amount to start a chapter in that city and although we have no news from them since the cards were mailed expect a representation at the next Executive meeting which is scheduled to be held in Portland, Maine, the last of the month.

PHIL SANBORN WITH US SOON

PHIL is still in the convelescent stage and although he has not been able to get back to work at his desk is much improved and expects to return to active duty before long.

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BETWEEN OURSELVES

A few weeks ago, the writer was talking over the telephone with the National Commander. He said, among other things, "Say, PHIL, try and write up some little thing for the next YANKEE DOINGS, will you? Some little message to the boys. Wherever I go, they all ask for you, and I know they'd like to hear a word from you."

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Well, however you look at it, it was a swell thing to say. Not implying, as the saying goes, that it was "the old oil". JERRY isn't like that, and besides, we know from the letters we still receive that the old war-horse isn't forgotten. And he's mighty grateful. But as for that "message". We're spending the winter a lot like that fella up country they tell about who sometimes sets and thinks and sometimes just sets. And since most of the thinkin' is on a subject of no great interest to anyone else, namely what in 'ell knocked us off our pins and put us on the shelf, and how'n'ell we are going to get off said shelf and back into said pins, etc., etc., — why searching the noodle for bright ideas is like looking in the coal bin on the 19th of April. But just to get it off the chest, since there appears to be those who really want to know, what has laid your erstwhile (and-hopes-to-be-again) editor low is known in common parlance as a "nervous breakdown". Don't indulge in one. They are not to be recommended. And as to how he's getting along, the answer is, durned if he knows. Some days, if asked, he'd say swell; other days lousy. The medicoes all say the same four things: 1. You're absolutely certain of complete recovery. 2. No one can tell you how soon or how long. 3. There is nothing that either you or we can do but stick along and see it through. 4. Don't lose your grip; keep the old chin out. So that's the answer to, "How are you coming along?" And we feel ashamed of making it the subject of a whole long paragraph.

Blame JERRY. Bear with us, and we'll be seeing you.

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Still haven't got to that "message". Well, let's see. There's the swell job the Finns are doing; the weather; the coming presidential campaign; those New Year's Day football games; the several assorted wars going on; next summer's YD Convention in Boston; national defense; shorter skirts predicted (no; we're too old to care — or are we?). But read the newspapers plus YANKEE DOINGS and you'll find "messages" from everybody from Jim Farley to Emily Post on these and sundry other topics. Who are we to praise the Finns and condemn the fashions, or vice versa for that matter. The very thought makes us feel like Cal Coolidge on the occasion he declined to make a speech, saying, "Haven't anything to say, and if I had, nobody wants to hear it." No sir; the only thing a man has any right to talk about is something he has felt deeply about himself.

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And while "settin' and thinkin'" here, we *have* felt deeply a few things we never thought much about before. The first is: what a dickens of a lot more good there is in the average human cuss, and the world in general, than we ever hear about. Guys like Hitler and Stalin get the headlines, but nobody ever hears about the little chap who is happy he's alive (tho' he can't move from his bed) because his very helplessness brings in enough to aid in putting his boys through school. Let a dame put arsenic in her husband's hamburgers and we'll see her picture on the front page sitting with her legs crossed; but no "news value" seems to attach to the little gal who takes on the job of breadwinner, wife, mother, nurse and cheer-leader, all with a grin and a pooh-pooh for all the fun she's missing and others are having. If a drunk runs over a youngster and then steps on the gas to get away, we are served the story with our breakfast; but nobody hears of the good old skate who finishes a day's work dog tired and then drives out in a tough snow storm to spend a couple of hours cheering up a pal that's shut in. Maybe that's a message and maybe it isn't. But anyhow, it's the way yours truly feels about it.

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And when old St. Pete trots out his celestial scales to tally up our batting average, there won't be much heft in headlines. Stack your chips, if you want, on the captains and the kings, on the "history-makers" and the "map-carvers". We'll place ours on a little unsung lady we know who has never commanded ten thousand men to die in Arctic wastes, but who has what it takes when a fella needs a friend; — yes, and on a half a dozen or more big bohunks who have shot the decalogue as full of holes as a collander, but whose hearts are still the size of Zeppelins when it comes to a pal needing a hand up. And they don't wait for an S.O.S. either.

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And one more thing. Some day — maybe this is the day — perhaps it will help at least one bird — maybe you are the bird. It's human nature to tie tags on people and put them in neat pigeon-holes. Plays have a hero and a villian; economics tells us of the "haves" and the "have nots", and so on. But "settin' and thinkin'" here, it seems like there is only one classification of the human critter that amounts to a pinch of snuff. And the going has to get tough as blazes even at that before we know on which side of the dividing line a fella belongs. *There's the guy that hangs on and there's the bozo that gives up.* Take it from one who's been learning it the hard way. That's the only difference between one man and another that's worth talking about. Yeh, we've seen days — lots of 'em — when giving up looked a darned sight easier and pleasanter than hanging on. And we'd gamble most of you have seen 'em too. Days when you'd give odds that this fella Henley was nuts when he wrote that "captain of my fate, master of my soul" stuff. Maybe he was; the point is we've *got to* trail along with him, right or wrong. If we don't we're sunk, and I mean sunk. No matter *what* you've lost, your money, job, health or home, if you've still got the old click, the old "swerve", the conviction, (be it reality or delusion) that you're still in the saddle — that maybe they've got you groggy but they can't throw you, then, comrade, you're all set. You ain't lost nothin'. But give up — admit you're licked — that there isn't a damn thing you can do about it except take it the way they dish it up — and may God have mercy on your soul. You'll need it — all He can spare.

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And so, once more, maybe that's a "message" and maybe it isn't. It's all we've got to offer. If you're sitting pretty (and our New Year's wish is that you are — every one) it won't mean much. A life preserver isn't such great shakes to the fella on deck. And gosh knows we hope you never fall overboard. But in case you ever do, a life preserver — material or spiritual — is a handy thing to have around. And whichever is needed, here's hoping it's on hand. And if in any slight way, we helped put it there, that's O.K. too. — PHILIP N. SANBORN.

THE CONVENTION

Plans are being rapidly formulated by a highly experienced and intelligent committee of "live-wires" to properly stage the "Second Home Coming of the Yankee Division" to be held in Boston, June 6, 7 and 8.

A parade of the combined Old and New Yankee Divisions, fully as long as that memorable procession through the streets of Boston on that bleak April Day in 1919; a spectacular evening of amateur boxing and other events that used to enliven the hearts of soldiers behind the lines in France; magnificent military ball; sight-seeing trips around historical Greater Boston; baseball games at one of the big league parks, horse and dog racing, motion picture shows, trips down Boston's scenic harbor, etc.

These are just the highlights of the program being shaped up by the 1940 Yankee Division Convention Corporation for your entertainment and that of your guests when you and they return to Boston in the not too far distant June.

Already the Board of Directors has met at least a couple of times, and already it is evident that Convention Committee Chairman Ben James has surrounded himself with a "gang" capable of taking any objective.

On the Board are: Gen. Cole, Col. Bill Keville, Guy Watts, Al Pacifici, Ralph Eastman, "Knocko" McCormack, Al Barnard, Gen. Sherburne, Jack Collins, Gen. Erickson, "Lee" Redfield, Austin Appleby, Bill Blake, Bill Brown, Dr. S. Kelleher, Paul Hines, Joe Galligan, Fred Wilson, Judson Hannigan, George Newman, Fred Coppinger, John Commerford, Jim Slater, Eddie Connor, Jack Whelan.

The Best None Too Good

Acting on the theory that "the best is none too good" for veterans of the 26th Division, the committee has selected the Copley Plaza, one of Boston's swankiest hostelries as the headquarters for the Division during its stay in Boston.

The Lenox, Statler, Kenmore, Ritz Carlton, Bradford, Parker House, Touraine, Bellevue are only a few of the other hotels that are being engaged to house the many thousands of veterans and their guests expected to attend this year's convention. The Housing Committee has promised to find a room, bed and bath for everybody that comes.

The Ways and Means Committee, headed by Ralph Eastman, is also functioning on high. Ralph, as everybody knows, puts across everything he undertakes. He is treasurer of the YD Memorial Committee which raised $75,000. and erected our beautiful shrine at Belleau Woods; treasurer of the famous 1930 American Legion National Convention in Boston, and treasurer of so many other successful events that it would take up too much space to enumerate them. When he isn't helping some worthwhile cause he may be found at the State Street Trust Company, one of Boston's most famous financial institutions, where he operates as a vice-president.

Serving on the Committee with him are a long list of gentlemen, all of whom have more than made their marks in civil life. Among them are: Walter Seaver, manager Hotel Lenox; John MacNeil, one of the directors and purchasing agents of the First National Stores; George Bentley, Jr., one of New England's biggest food brokers; Joe Gannon, who operates his own security business; Vernon Hitchins of the State Street Trust Company; Charlie Daley, well known automobile dealer; George Newman, formerly associated with Boston's leading construction company, now with the Commonwealth of Mass.; Lee Redfield, assistant to the Actuary of the Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company; Bernie Gorfinkle, well known Boston attorney; Herman Bush, commissioner of Soldiers' Relief, Boston; and a group of other prominent Boston citizens, all members of the YD Veterans Association.

Money Coming Along

Already the money is beginning to roll in. State officials have promised to appropriate several thousand dollars; Mayor Maurice J. Tobin of Boston has promised to match the state appropriation; the hotels and department stores have agreed to do their bit and money is in sight from several Convention Corporation activities. Barring unforeseen difficulties, the Convention will be adequately financed.

Members of the Association can help the Convention Committee by sending along their registration blanks as soon as possible. As already announced those who register before May 5th, need only pay $2. Those who register thereafter will be obliged to pay $2.50.

Registration will not only include many valuable souvenirs of the Convention, but free tickets

to all of the many activities that are being arranged.

LEANDER REDFIELD, Treasurer of the YDV.A, in whom the Division has no harder or more faithful worker, has been appointed registration officer. Any inquiries concerning registration should be directed to him at the YD Memorial Club House, 200 Huntington avenue, Boston.

As may be judged by the foregoing, the Second Home Coming of the Yankee Division, is not going to be just another convention. It is the aim of the Committee in charge to present an event that will live long in the memories, not only of the Veterans of the Division, but of their children as well.

Boston is an ideal city for a convention of this type. Not only does it afford ample housing accommodations, but everything else that goes with it.

Best of all is the feeling the people of Boston have for the Yankee Division. It was here that the Division was born, it was to Boston it returned after its magnificent accomplishments in France.

Boston Waits 21 Years

It is the hope of the Committee in charge that every former member of the Division, no matter where he may be, or what his circumstances, will find it possible to attend the Second Home Coming. Boston has been looking forward to this occasion for 21 years.

Many large and successful conventions have been held in Boston since the war, but none will be more graciously received than the Yankee Division.

Boston not only takes great pride in claiming the Yankee Division as its own, but on many occasions has gone out of its way to try and show its appreciation for the courage and sacrifices of its men. It will be recalled that immediately following the war, the people of Boston raised $250,000. and purchased the present Boston YD Clubhouse as a memorial to the Division.

BEN JAMES has already appointed several committees, all headed by men of known accomplishments. The personnel of these committees will be announced at a later date.

Attorney HAROLD SMITH, former president of the YD Club of Boston, is serving as counsel for the corporation.

"Knocko" McCORMACK is chairman of the night parade.

AL BARNARD is chairman of the Ball Committee, etc.

Gentlemen, your Convention Committee reports that it is making every effort to make your 1940 Convention, a real Second Home Coming of the Yankee Division.

— P. H.

THE NATIONAL COMMANDER SAYS

How it feels to be a disgusted National Commander and some of the reasons why I feel that way:

Because, we are over one thousand behind on re-ups.

Because, the Chapter Commanders are not doing anything about it.

Because, some of the Chapters do not have enough members to hold their charter.

Because, some of the comrades who could help this Association won't do it.

Because, some of the Department Commanders have made little or no effort to start new chapters.

Because, after accepting an invitation to attend a chapter meeting, or dinner, and traveling a long distance and staying up until two or three in the morning, you find only a few in attendance.

Because, of the broken promises made, about building up the chapters.

And if that is not enough reasons, I can give you plenty more of them.

Comrades, I think I have touched the high spots without going into detail, and I am looking for conditions to improve, I positively will not take the blame for anything that I have no control over.

To you BILL LOVE at last the Department of Maine is organized, and that was swell getting the gang in Waterville organized and I know that very shortly Bangor will be in the parade with us too, so BILL keep up the good work.

To you, "GENE" DUGAS, their is very little you can do to improve the Department of New Hampshire unless it is getting more new members, and getting the old ones back into line, "Gene" you have never been off the job, more power to you.

To you, AUSTIN, you have a tough problem on your hands, I want to thank you for the new Chapters that you have already organized, and

if any of you fellows in the western part of Massachusetts read this. you can help Austin out by starting some chapters up your way, we need them.

To you, JOE ABAIR, all I can say is that I am very disappointed the way you are handling your Department.

To you LARRY COOK, I am sorry to say my home state is not up where it belongs, new chapters can be formed in Rhode Island.

To you GARDINER HALL, you are doing a swell job in Connecticut, your Department is the best organized in our Association, because you have carried on where the other Department Commanders left off, and all of them have done a good job.

To you FRED FLAHAVAN, the Department of the United States should feel proud of the work you have done for the Y.D.V.A., the hundreds of miles you have traveled and the time you have spent, FRED will always be remembered by us who are interested in our Association.

Just five more months and we will have our Convention in Boston, so let's all get together and build up the Y.D.V.A. and make it the largest it has ever been.

— JERRY O'LEARY,
Nat. Commander.

A LETTER TO GUY WATTS

An amusing letter received some time ago and permission of the writer has been given to have it published:

Dear Guy:

Please put my Compo. check in the enclosed air-mail envelope and on your way to dinner drop it in the box so it will make the evening run, and then I'll get it next day, and as usual I thank you.

For those past favors, I'll repay you some day, I don't know how now, but there will be a time.

I imagine I just got out of the Club in time last month. Two gentlemen were entering, as I was leaving and how they looked me over. I held my head low against my right shoulder as though guarding a right cross to the chin. This I believe threw them off as one went upstairs fast to check, and one stayed outside. I imagined I saw the one outside running after me. I pulled the fastest disappearing act of my career. Of course this was no reflection on the alertness of the officers, as they were not sure of me. Not having a good look at me, and the time lost, which I took advantage of.

I am no "Know It All Feller" and I never thought I did have everything bottled up a lot for myself, but I did not see it that way and I let it go at that. Nor am I a fool, nor a dope. Just a plain victim of circumstances I guess. I have done some good for all, and some bad for all, that makes it even, why weep?

Well I did not steal it from anyone who needed it worse than I did. I took it from concerns who stole from the public, overcharging on merchandise by at least 85% on the dollar. Poor John Public always gets it in the neck. Anyway, they take it and like it. If you steal it from them or kick about it they holler Copper, so what? I presume I'll have to give a pound of flesh some day for it, maybe. Lots of things can happen, one has to wait for time and the twist that goes with time. Don't let the coppers know where I am, if they should ask you, at least give me time to get the letter so I can keep moving.

"A LITTLE BRONZE BUTTON"

Just a little bronze button, worn on a coat lapel,
It has a little story, and to the world it does tell
That the wearer of this button, back in the days of seventeen,
When "Uncle Sam" oiled up his war-machine
And called for Volunteers, both far and wide
The wearer of this button, didn't go and hide;
He laid down his tools, and took up a gun
To finish a job that wasn't half done,
Off to camp he went, amid resounding cheer
Leaving behind him, all that he held dear,
Soon he was headed over to France
To give the Kaiser's Army a kick in the pants,
This he did, with good old American "Vim"
And a grateful Nation heaped its praise on Him;
He's back now, and doing a lot, to keep alive
The spirit of Comradeship that did survive
That war "Over There", that war of hell
And that's why he wears upon his coat lapel
That little bronze button, look close and you will see
Right there in the center is a "YD",
That "YD" to him means a hell of a lot,
It stands for everything for which he fought;
So he wears the "YD" today to show both you and I
That with him the "YD" spirit will never, never die.

— R. B. H., Boston Chapter.

The above was written by a disabled vet of the YD who has been in a wheel-chair in a Veterans' hospital for the last five years.

MEMBERSHIP

January 3rd finds us at a standstill or very near it. If you compare last month's figures with this month's, you will find that we gained only 68 members in the last month. A new Chapter in Maine, Waterville, gave the 14 which was gained by Maine. New Hampshire sent in 2. Vermont none, Mass. 28, R. I. 7, Conn. 12, and the U. S. at large 5. The National Commander has designated January as Membership Month and we hope that it will be just that and the members will start rolling in all through the whole month. This is a good chance to get those $3.00 members now and you will not have to worry about collecting from them again for next year.

Standing to January 3rd is as follows:

DEPT. OF ME.	
Augusta	4
Cumberland Co.	11
Farmington	15
Lewiston	29
Skowhegan	6
Waterville	16
At Large	17
TOTAL	98
DEPT. OF N. H.	
Concord	25
Dover	3
Franklin	17
Keene	46
Laconia	5
Manchester	77
Nashua	44
Rochester	17
Triangle	18
At Large	14
TOTAL	266
DEPT. OF VT.	
Bellows Falls	0
Brattleboro	27
Burlington	0
Montpelier	31
Rutland	19
Springfield	2
At Large	9
TOTAL	88
DEPT. OF MASS.	
Attleboro	4
Beverly	46
Boston	551
Brockton	15
Clinton	2
Danvers	27
Fitchburg	55
Haverhill	44
Holyoke	9
Lowell	70
Lynn	194
Marlborough	14
Milford	21
New Bedford	42
Northampton	5
Salem	41
Springfield	46
Webster-Dudley	21
Worcester	135
Foxboro	19
No. Reading	31
At Large	67
TOTAL	1459
DEPT. OF R. I.	
Kent County	29
Pawtucket	107
Providence	190
TOTAL	326
DEPT. OF CONN.	
Bridgeport	27
Bristol	92
Hartford	272
Manchester	75
Meriden	38
Middletown	19
New Britain	68
New Haven	131
New London	36
Norwalk	33
Stamford	44
Terryville	20
Torrington	30
Valley	41
Wallingford	21
Waterbury	31
Willimantic	51
At Large	8
TOTAL	1037
DEPT. OF U. S.	
Chicago	19
Cleveland	33
Denver	11
Detroit	27
Los Angeles	17
New York	152
St. Louis	11
Washington	34
At Large	105
TOTAL	409
GRAND TOTAL	3683

LAST MAN'S CLUB

A Co., 103rd MG. Bn.

On January 3rd, The Last Man's Club were the guests of C Co., 103rd MG. Bn at a bean supper at the Harrison St. Armory. The entertainment was excellent and good fellowship predominated. Considering the hectic activities of the recent holidays, we had a fair turnout. Among those present were Bill Tweedly, Al Shabbott, Joe Vigiard, Harold Andrews, James Macallum, "Micky" Miller, "Dinky" Dann, Warren Aldrich, Pete Bourget.

Commander Dolliver opened the meeting and welcomed A Co. with reminiscenses and an invitation to The Last Man's Club to start proceeding to have a machine gun as a Memorial, mounted beside C Co., gun in the Armory of Mounted Commands in Providence. The invitation was accepted and proceedings will start immediately.

The Last Man's Club will hold their yearly business meeting and election of officers on Thursday, January 25th. The meeting place will be announced soon. Plans are also being made for an old-fashioned barn dance in February, perhaps at one of the local granges. Now that the holidays are gone and you have more time let's get behind Jerry O'Leary's membership campaign and see if we can't get A Co. one hundred per cent Y. D. V. A. Tell the boys what they are missing when they don't read YANKEE DOINGS.

J. L. (Pete) B.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

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DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

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ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY CHAPTER

Lewiston - Auburn
Commander: J. Fred Shaw
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On Saturday night, December 2nd, our chapter put on a feed and floor show at the Silver Slipper Nite Club in honor of our visiting Nat. Comm. JERRY O'LEARY and Acting Nat. Sec. GUY WATTS.

Seated at the head table with our National Officers were Dept. Comm. WM. LOVE and our master of ceremonies Comm. J. FRED SHAW. Also at the head table were Mayor L. K. Green of Auburn, Corp. Counsel Thos. Delehanty of Lewiston, Sr. V. C. EDWARD LACOURSE of the VFW, Comm. Gahagan of the Auburn Legion, Comm. Cormier of the Lewiston Legion and Comm. Garvin of the Canadian Legion.

Telegrams of regret at not being able to attend on account of freezing rain making for tough driving conditions were read from Gov. Barrows, Gen. Greenlaw, Col. Stoddard, Gen. Hanson and Major Healy and Major Towne all of which reminded your correspondent of that old army ditty: "That's where all the Generals were, etc."

Through the courtesy of the management of our local radio station W.C.O.U., our program from 9 to 10 P.M., went on the air. All those at the head table spoke in greeting our National Officers to Auburn and Lewiston and of the good old YD. The old outfit received a lot of hearty pats on the back for their part and good work in the World War No. 1. Bert Cote of W.C.O.U. presided at the piano and a lot of the old war songs were sandwiched in between the speeches. Comrade EUGENE BEAUDOIN and yours truly put on a little stunt that had most of those present fooled for the moment, even the radio man at the transmitter cut us off the air for a moment until he found it was all in fun and with no profanity.

After all present, and not at the head table, were introduced and took a bow, Dept. Comm. LOVE, Nat. Comm. O'LEARY and Act. Nat. Sec. WATTS did their stuff and each and every one was a masterpiece on matters pertaining to the Yankee Division; membership increases and the organization of new chapters in the State of Maine.

YD comrades present from out of town were: DONALD A. HUNT, LAWRENCE A. BROWN and FREDERICK E. SHEPARD all from Brunswick. WM. P. HOLLAND, JR., JOS. T. KARKOS, JOHN E. JOHNSON, WALTER GUENTHER and ELLIOTT HALE from Lisbon Falls; WM. KENIGAN from Hardings Station, Brunswick; BLIN W. LUNSDEN from Portland; REX PARSONS from Farmington and E. L. TEBBETTS from Locke Mills. Last but not least, ALEXANDER "Bud" BRYANT, manager of our soft ball team and always willing to do his bit for the YD.

Wednesday night, December 6th, back again to the Silver Slipper for another good feed and floor show given by our chapter to the members of last summer's soft ball team. After the dishes were cleared away we were entertained by Coach Mansfield of Bates College who showed movies of Bates football games with Harvard and Colby, with comments as he went along.

— BILL ROACH,
Secretary.

PORTLAND PARAGRAPHS

We can't tell you what his trouble is, because we can't spell it, but CLIFF BRUNS, after nine weeks in a local hospital, left for Togus, December 16th, where he will be the rest of the winter.

O. H. "Top" TYLER of F Co., 103rd Inf., is at Togus recovering from third degree burns on both legs and other parts of his body, caused by exploding gas in a local vulcanizing shop when a careless workman dropped a match. He was given first aid and rushed to Togus by HAZEN HAGAR.

From Dover-Foxcroft, we hear that PERCY DE WITT, same outfit, has been ill for several weeks and was taken to Togus by ambulance on December 21st, where he will be for some time.

If you are in need of washing machines, vacuum cleaners and other household articles, call on FLETCHER LONG at the local Montgomery-Ward store on Congress St.

Capt. PARK K. ROCKWELL, U.S.M.C. Reserve, who has been with the 1197 CCC at Portland, Conn. for 4½ years has left active duty to return to civil life. He will join the staff of a hospital at Safety Harbor, near St. Petersburg, Fla. He went through the war with Batt. E, 103rd F.A. and after the war served in the Howitzer Co., 103rd Inf. Maine National Guard, and later as 2nd Lt. in the 303rd F.A. as a Reserve Officer, leaving there to accept a commission as 2nd Lt. in Co. B, U.S.M.C. Reserve and was made Capt. in 1932, until 1935 when he left to go to the CCC. He is a graduate of the Kirksvill College of Osteopathy and Surgery at Kirksvil, Mo., graduating in June, 1925.

We saw JESSE LEIGHTON, I Co., 103rd Inf. of Eastport, the other day. He lives in West Gorham and works at the S. D. Warren Co. in Westbrook. Strange as it may seem, with all the YD'ers in Westbrook, there are none that know him. He was quite badly smashed up a few years ago but is all right now.

From Machias, we learn of the death of James A. Cummings, former sheriff of Washington County for 14 years, on December 26th. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife and three sons. He was a member of the Masonic bodies and the American Legion.

There is more out of town news in these items, but perhaps you would not see them if we did not put them in. Give the credit to whoever you want to.

To the four loyal members who turned out to our Dec. 22nd meeting, all the loose medals there are. But perhaps with conditions existing at that time we should not find too much fault.

With best wishes to all YD'ers.

— MINNIE LA TOUR.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dep't. Commander: Eugene Dugas, 72 Elm St., Manchester, N. H.
Dep't. Secretary: Leon N. Magee, 68 So. Main St., Penacook, N. H.

The following are the dates of the Department meetings up to the end of my term:

February 11th, Odd Fellows' Hall, Manchester, N. H., 2.00 P.M.

March 10th, Veterans' Home, Rochester, N.H.

April 7th, Veterans' Home, Nashua, N. H. Nomination of candidates for Dept. Commander at this meeting.

May 5th, Grand Army Hall, Lebanon, N. H.

— EUGENE DUGAS.

MANCHESTER
Commander: Martin P. Holleran
46 Elm Ave., Manchester, N. H.
Secretary: Walter J. Boardman
29 Manning St., Manchester, N. H.

Manchester Chapter held its regular monthly meeting Wednesday evening, December 13. Past Commander Dr. DRURY presiding, as Commander HOLLERAN had to work. Our Treasurer was also absent, up country on a job.

Our Thanksgiving Night Ball was a social, if not a financial success, although the final report will show a little profit.

It was voted at this meeting to entertain the ladies at our next meeting. So we have engaged a dance and banquet hall for Jan. 10, 1940. The Committee appointed by Dr. DRURY is headed by our State Commander EUGENE DUGAS and ED ST. JEAN, ART GILMORE, ELI and ARMAND MONTNIMY, JOHN BLIDBERG, JOE DONNELLY, M. HOLLERAN, Dr. DRURY. It is hoped this affair will bring the boys and gals out to our first — we hope — annual ladies' night.

— W. BOARDMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

Dep't. Commander: Joseph G. Abair, 8 Hubbard St., Montpelier, Vt.

At the December meeting of Rutland Chapter it was a cold night, in fact it was six below zero by the time the meeting was over. This is what I want to put over. If the YD ever had a loyal supporter the credit should go to JOHN STRONG who lives in Bellows Falls, a distance of fifty miles from Rutland. What do you know, the only one who showed up from down that way

was none other than Buddy STRONG. Can you imagine driving alone fifty miles up and fifty miles back on a night like that? Now if that isn't loyalty, I would like to know what is. This man STRONG is one of the most loyal men that we have in Vermont and he is no spring chicken either. Now if a man like him can make such a sacrifice, what about some of the other fellows. They could at least sign up for $2.00 and receive one of the best veterans' magazines published today. This alone is well worth the price. To me, it is a shame that we do not have more. I wish that I was back in the dough like I was a few years ago, believe you me, there would not be a thing that would stop me from preaching the YD gospel from border to border. Have had the honor of being a Past Commander of the Legion and a Past Exalted Ruler of the Elks and I'm telling you there is nothing in any organization that has what we have to offer and that's saying a mouthful.

— JOSEPH G. ABAIR.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: Austin F. Appleby, 333 Washington St., Boston, Mass.
Dep't. Secretary: Dennis J. Brunton, 42 Ranney St., Springfield, Mass.

The regular monthly meeting of the Mass. State Department was held at Worcester, Mass., in the VFW hall on Front Street on Sunday, January 7th.

There were representatives of the following Chapters present: Boston, Clinton, Fitchburg, Haverhill, Lynn, Marlborough, Milford, Springfield and Worcester.

The following were called on to give a short talk. Past State Commander ELLIOT, Past State Commander NOYES, Assistant National Secretary HOWARD HUNT and National Commander JERRY O'LEARY. All stressed the importance of membership and hoped that the Commanders of the Chapters would do everything possible to make this a banner year. Commander O'LEARY in his talk stated that he thought that if an amendment to the Constitution could be brought in at the next Convention to add two more Vice-Commanders to the list of officers of the Association to be designated Senior and Junior Vice Commanders that it would assist the work of the National Officers. The reason he stated that one could be appointed the Chairman of the Membership Committee and the other to have charge of other activities, where now it is hard to select a Vice Commander as they are all of the same rank and all are separated by distance, being in different states.

The invitations of the following Chapters were accepted for the following State meetings:

Haverhill — February 5th.
Marlboro — March 5th.
Foxboro — April 2nd.
No. Reading — May 7th.

Following the meeting a very nice dinner was served by the Worcester Chapter.

BEVERLY

Commander: Joseph H. Metcalfe
66c Bridge St., Beverly, Mass.
Secretary: George A. Bright
39 Eastern Ave., Beverly, Mass.

Started the month by attending State meeting which was held at Danvers. Was watching the cribbage game before the meeting. The Salem (Chumps) were taken over the hurdles by a couple of amateurs from Worcester. If a double run of three, makes 16 — no wonder the Salem gang are supposed to be Champs. Well enough of the cribbage.

At our first meeting of the month we had quite a turnout. Tickets for the raffle are going fast and furious. We expect to make enough to buy a set of flags and put a few pennies in our treasury.

Plans were made for a whist party to be held in the near future. GUY FOSSIANO promises a big turnout and will donate five prizes himself.

On Thursday, December 28th we had our Christmas party for the children and we had a swell turnout. GUS FOSSIANO was chairman of this party assisted by P.C. SMITH, Commander METCALF, V.C. HAMMOND, GUS CRESSEY and Sgt.-at-Arms BEN RUNNALS. GUY acted as Santa Claus, and the show opened up finding Santa Claus asleep near the Xmas tree, with Guy's three children in their pajamas carrying a candle waking Santa up, and asking to have their dolls do an act.

The following dolls did their job in good style: Henry Carnavah sang, "My Buddy." The howling cowboys, Joe Richardson and Dennis Bossie sang a few novelty numbers. Irene Talbot then favored with a tap dance. Stephen Fortunati

sang, "South of the Border" and drew quite a hand. Guido Liporto was quite a hit with his accordian solos. Mary and Bill Ross then gave an exhibition of tap dancing that took the house by storm. Charles Manuel, Jr., a lad of six, did quite a job of tap dancing. Pauline Le Bel did a swell job in singing, "It's 100 to 1". Olive Mitchell closed the program by doing a tap dance, while swinging a baton. Charles Murphy was at the piano. All the entertainers were under 18, and are connected with the WPA Recreational Center.

We were very fortunate to have with us Mr. Curtis Gentlee who provided a moving picture show of the Armistice Day Parade and also pictures of other events of interest that he had taken. After the show, refreshments were served, ice cream, bananas, tonic, cookies, apples and oranges being donated for the occasion. Too much credit cannot be given to GUY FOSSIANO who certainly put in a lot of time and hard work.

Hats off to our Senior Vice Commander FRED HAMMOND, (or perhaps we should say the Mrs.) Fred is the proud father of a baby boy, born December 6th.

Our Welfare committee headed by FRED HAMMOND assisted by the Chaplain and TOM READ saw that those in the hospital were taken care of at Christmas time.

—JOE BRIGHT.

BOSTON

Commander: Benjamin James
88 Broad St., Boston, Mass.

Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The regular monthly Smoker for December was held on the 18th with Alton Hall Blackington as the guest speaker. Blackie always gives a good show and was just as good as ever. He had all new pictures and a new talk and was enjoyed by all present. The membership prize was not taken again making the third month. The Club in conjunction with the Post put on another New Year's Party this year. A catered supper was enjoyed by all from 10.30 until midnight with dancing from 12 until three.

The Charter has been received for the YDVA 1940 National Convention Corporation and the first meeting was held on December 12th. Next meeting will be January 11th. The Ways and Means Committee with RALPH M. EASTMAN as Chairman and GEORGE BENTLEY as Vice Chairman are holding meetings weekly. L. H. REDFIELD, Chairman of the Registration Committee is getting his Committee started and expects to have application blanks for advance registrations very shortly.

Inside Dope

JOHN MORRIS, the "L St. Brownie", took a dip in Muddy River the other day.

ED MALONE is wintering at Bridgewater. But not as an inmate.

MARTY TAYLOR had his "Artiste Gang" and the fighting Finns at the New Year's party.

See ROCCO for lessons in 41.

SLIVERS is carrying a piece of sandpaper now.

TED WILSON: Have you been lost in the woods?

CURRIER to BOGLE: Who you don't know?

GOLDIE: No there will be no more fighting at the Ball.

NAPIE: I've just got an hour.

FITCHBURG

Commander: Thomas Kennedy
121 Boutelle St., Fitchburg, Mass.

Secretary: Bernard W. Brown
73 Blossom St., Fitchburg, Mass.

Fitchburg Chapter has had its election of officers and will hold its installation at the Hale St. Community Center, Tuesday evening, January 9th at 8.00 P.M.

Past State Department Commander "TED" NOYES will be the installing officer and Department Commander APPLEBY will show his moving pictures of YD Conventions. Mayor ALFRED WOOLACOTT, President of the City Council, WILLIAM MCBRIDE and our newly elected Commander, THOMAS KENNEDY, Water Commissioner for the City of Fitchburg will all be present.

Our Thousand a month club is going fine and we have over $500.00 in our Treasury. We are going places and will certainly have a good representation at the National Convention in Boston next June.

Congratulations to Springfield Chapter for signing up RICHARD CUNNINGHAM, formerly of Fitchburg, as he will be a good worker for the Chapter.

BERNARD BROWN is our new Secretary and you will hear plenty from him later.

— DEKE SHEA.

FOXBORO

Commander: Joseph P. Dean
10 Coccaset St., Foxboro, Mass.
Secretary: Roland G. Hoogerzeil
6 Davis St., Mansfield, Mass.

JOE DEAN, Commander of the Foxboro Chapter, YDVA, in on the mend and is expected to report for duty in the next week. Joe has had a long sojourn at the Chelsea Naval Hospital. In the future he will give all rabid dogs plenty of leeway.

Foxboro Chapter is a busy Chapter now trying to keep up with the baby chapter at North Reading, and now that the Commander has returned from the hospital a lot of social events are lined up for a busy season.

HAVERHILL

Commander: Harry P. Pluff
14 Maple St., Haverhill, Mass.
Secretary: Elmer C. Eaton
Box 93, Ward Hill, Mass.

Here is the Haverhill news for the YANKEE DOINGS.

The YD Vets' Association of Haverhill hold their meetings the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. The election of officers was held on Dec. 12th as follows:

Commander, MARTIN GOYETTE; Senior Vice, ROY WIGHTMAN; Junior Vice, WILLIAM MCCORMIC; Treasurer, HENRY LYNCH; Secretary, ELMER EATON; Chaplain, HARRY PLUFF; Sgt.-at-Arms, WM. GORDON; Trustees JOSEPH FRANCIS, WM. MCCORMIC, WM. HAMILTON.

The Christmas turkey raffle was run off with a financial gain. The Ladies' Auxiliary also ran a turkey raffle with success. Proceeds bought baskets for the needy YD families.

The Chapter and Auxiliary held a Christmas party Saturday night, Dec. 16 at the Dugout, which was enjoyed by all.

Supper was served during the evening. Dad GALVIN and Mrs. Ann Pluff did an old-time eccentric dance, Oh Boy! can't these old timers throw a mean leg. One of the YD women from New York, Mrs. Sally Hart and FRANK WELCH from local chapter did an Apache dance N. Y. style. The old YD show in France did not have anything on this Apache dance. We are looking forward to a busy year and a big increase in membership.

— Sec. ELMER EATON.

LOWELL

Commander: Royal K. Hayes
75 Merrimack St., Lowell, Mass.
Secretary: Quincy B. Park
119 Viola St., Lowell, Mass.

Our December meeting held Tuesday evening, December 12th, was preceded by the usual "Dutch Treat" supper at Page's Restaurant in the new private dining room. Perfect order was maintained during the supper which was no doubt due to the presence of our guests Major Michael Dee, Superintendent of the Concord reformatory, Officer William G. Murray of the reformatory, Councillor Frank A. Brooks from the Governor's Council and Joseph Cronin, Probation Officer of the Lowell District Court.

While on the subject, we would like to inform members that any and all YD men are invited to these "Dutch Treat" Suppers. Although we are not being paid to advertise Page's, your humble Secretary feels that a very pleasant hour is well spent with congenial comrades and prices of food are in accordance with your appetite and taste. There is also a very good chance of free refreshments although these are not promised. If you are not one of the regular attendants at the suppers, come and get acquainted and see for yourself what a pleasant time you have been missing.

The regular monthly business meeting was called to order at 8:15 by Commander HAYES in our quarters in the Veteran's Wing of the Memorial Auditorium. After a short business meeting Commander HAYES introduced Supt. Dee, who gave a very interesting talk describing in detail the conduct of every day life by inmates and interesting stories regarding some inmates. In listening to Supt. Dee's talk one is impressed with his knowledge of his problem and the humanitarian way in which he administers justice at the reformatory.

William G. Murray speaking on administration at the reformatory gave a very interesting talk and cited several instances of bravery by Supt. Dee of which the Supt. was too modest to speak of himself.

Mr. Brooks spoke on the social work that is being done in various prisons throughout the country and stated that the social workers who interest themselves in prisons and prison work are too numerous in Massachusetts and the results of their work has been negative. Prison work cannot be learned over night he said. Mr. Brooks further stated "would-be social workers"

try to run state business which should be left to the experts with prison experience. "There are enough laws on the books in this State; what we need is public opinion and the courts behind us. I owe my job to the voters who elected me to office; therefore, I feel free to suggest that which will benefit the institutions of the Commonwealth."

After the meeting adjourned, refreshments were served members and guests by our Chef, "par excellance," JOE RHEAULT.

Commander HAYES has requested that members be informed in this issue of the plans for the Annual Banquet which will be held Feb. 21st. This is the high spot of our year and we wish all YD men to be well informed as to time and place, etc., in order that all who wish may attend. Said banquet will be held Wed. eve., Feb. 21st at 8 o'clock at Page's Restaurant. The price of tickets will be $1.50 to any and all YD men. The following members will serve on the Banquet Committee: EUGENE RICARD, chairman, LOUIS RENAUD, WILLARD SYMMES, RUSSELL STACK, JOHN J. O'ROURKE, EDWIN ROBEY and JOSEPH RHEAULT.

QUINCY B. PARK, Secretary of Committees; WALLACE DUNCAN, Financial Chairman; DORAN S. LYONS, Chairman of the Distinguished Guest Committee; Publicity, ROYAL K. HAYES and JOHN B. O'DEA. More banquet news will appear at a later date in the local papers and over Station WLLH.

Commander HAYES addressed the members of the Lowell unit Mass. State Guard Veteran's Association at their installation of officers; also the Lowell Franco-American Veteran's Association during the past month.

The officers of the Lowell Chapter wish to take this opportunity to wish all members a very Happy New Year. — Q. B. P.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. and Mrs. SCHUYLER R. WALLER, D.M.D., (formerly 1st Lieut. 101st Engineers, 26th Div.) celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at their home, 311 Parker St., Lowell, Mass., on Dec. 26, 1939. DOINGS hopes that you have many more such occasions.

LYNN

Commander: Michael Garofano
26 Waterhill St., Lynn, Mass.
Secretary: Earl Bailey
77 Kensington Lane, Swampscott, Mass.

December was a very busy and a very sad month for Lynn members. First of all we lost our hard-working Service Officer THOMAS MCMAHON, who was a real friend of every veteran who entered Chelsea Soldiers Home Hosp. where he was employed. Every veteran will miss Tommy. Then HENRY DUCHESNE passed away and LEO AGNEW's father answered last call. Our sympathy goes out to all the dear ones they left behind.

On December 17th the Auxiliary held its annual Xmas party for all the YD children and it was bigger and better than ever. Santa Claus (LEON "Muscles" VARNAM) made the children very happy and presented each one with a gift and box of candy. Ice cream was served to all, including the *big* children and a fine program of entertainment was put on by "Pat" MARR and his pupils. "Some Auxiliary."

New members for the month were: EVERETT CURRIER, Bat. E, 101st F.A.; LOUIS VALLIS, Co. C, 104th Inf.; DWIGHT BURNHAM, Bat. D, 101st F.A.; HAROLD BRINE, Bat. D, 101st F.A.; RALPH JUNKINS, Bat. D, 101st F.A. So you see the Artillery still has plenty of power.

The big event of the month was the Xmas Party put on at Chelsea Soldiers Home Hospital the night of Dec. 20th, RAY DOUCETTE was chairman of the party assisted by Comrades BOWEN, SULLIVAN, SCANLON, HOAG, GUPPY, MORTON, THOMAS, GRIMES, VARNAM and Commander MICHAEL GAROFANO. At 7 P.M. the party left Lynn 50 strong and at 7.30 P.M. all YD men at the Hospital assembled in the auditorium. Boxes of goodies were presented to 65 YD men and friends of the YD, namely the Commandant Lawrence Quigley and Staff were presented cartons of cigarettes.

At 8 P.M. all comrades confined at the Hosp. entered the auditorium to witness a fine program, the first part musical, being handled by "Mussolini" and the best part was then taken over by our hard-working Athletic Director ROYAL L. THOMAS who put on the finest program of boxing, wrestling, acrobatics and weight lifting that the comrades ever witnessed, in fact the first I believe ever put on at the Home. This part of the program went over with a bang, although the complete program was well received. We extend our sincere thanks to Larry Quigley, Joseph Martin, Jack Glavin, Frank Murphy, Jack Dunn, Brownie and all the attendants and nurses for their wonderful cooperation.

We only feel sorry that we couldn't have repeated the same show at Chelsea Naval and all other Veteran's Hospitals, but we did do a little bit to help spread cheer among our comrades at

Chelsea and those confined at home. May they all enjoy a more pleasant New Year.

Our monthly smoker was a right smart one and WALTER SMITH, our S.V.C., put it over with a bang. The big surprise came at the drawings when EARL TRECARTIN won 3 of the 7 prizes and he didn't do any of the drawing, "believe it or not."

The third issue of "The Lynn Barrage" went out on time and was bigger and better than ever. Remember buds, it's only $1.00 per year for subscription, and it's worth it too.

Lynn Chapter gave the Salem Witches a nice beating at cribbage on Dec. 12th and poor EMILE was dejected. Lynn won 19 to 8. Not bad for beginners. On the Lynn team were Comrades HARVEY, COULMAN, GUPPY, PITMAN, BOWEN, SULLIVAN, NICHOLS, GRIMES and VARNAM. We now challenge Danvers for January 16th. "Spot" MCHUGH was Salem's best man.

Our next smoker is Jan. 30th and all YD men anywhere and everywhere are invited. Come one, come all.

We will easily pass the 200 mark in membership, as our J.V.C. PERLEY KNIGHT is working very hard on membership along with his many other duties.

— RAY DOUCETTE.

MARLBOROUGH

Commander: Alphonse Lessard
Clover Hill, Marlborough, Mass.
Secretary: Harry E. Sherman
52 Neil St., Marlborough, Mass.

Held meeting on Wednesday evening, January 3rd at the Rialto Annex. There were nine members present out of 14 paid-up members. A good percentage. Senior Vice Commander PAUL HADLEY reported progress on membership. Chaplain HECTOR DUFAULT reported on the death of Comrade JOHN MANNING. Commander LESSARD and Comrade MIKE CAVANAUGH were bearers. Flowers were sent from the Chapter. Funeral was conducted by the American Legion.

Comrade THOMAS PAQUIN attended his first meeting, after being laid up for 14 months having had his leg amputated.

Voted to invite the Massachusetts State Department to hold their meeting in February or March in Marlboro, Committee to have full power for this meeting. The Committee to consist of Commander LESSARD, Secretary SHERMAN and MIKE CAVANAUGH. This meeting to be held at the Elks, home. A committee of nine members were appointed by the Commander to defray the expenses of the Chapter including P. C. SHERMAN, Chairman, THOMAS MCMANUS, LOUIS LARROIX, PAUL HADLEY, THOMAS PAQUIN, HECTOR DUFAULT, MICHAEL CAVANAUGH, MILFORD HOMELIN and Commander LESSARD. Refreshments were served by Comrade NICK SCOURAS. Next meeting February 7th.

— HARRY E. SHERMAN,
Secretary.

NORTH READING

Commander: Albert C. Maxwell
15 Gardner Rd., Reading, Mass.
Secretary: Thomas H. Campbell
11 Wilson St., Reading, Mass.

May I on behalf of the comrades of the No. Reading Chapter, extend to each and every comrade of the Y.D.V.A. our sincere wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

As the New Year rolls around we being a new chapter, are just beginning to realize what a grand organization the Y.D.V.A. is, and how much it has come to mean to each of us. Enthusiasm is running high, and the boys are doing there utmost to induce all former YD vets, whom they know to join up with us. There has been some talk of roping or hi-jacking some of the more stubborn ones.

But they are missing a lot by staying out. We have a drive on at present for new members and are in hopes of doubling our membership by February 1st.

Our first business meeting since receiving our Charter was held on Wednesday eve., Dec 13th, with a grand total of 53 YD vets on hand. With us as guests were Dept. Comm. AUSTIN F. APPLEBY, Dept. Sgt.-at-Arms JIM SULLIVAN, and 14 members of the Salem Chapter including Comm. BANNON.

It was an open meeting and an interesting one with some exceptionally helpful ideas given by Dept. Comm. APPLEBY, Comm. BANNON of Salem, and Past Comm. THIBAULT, Salem.

At the close of the busines meeting, we were entertained for an hour or more by Dept. Comm. APPLEBY who showed us the movies of the YD Convention in Hartford, also other interesting and humorous films. Many thanks Commander APPLEBY for the interest you have taken and the efforts you have put forth to help us get a good start.

We started our Chapter in the "Red" and we were at a loss to know how we could go about raising a few dollars quickly. We called a huddle and the result was a Turkey raffle.

The outcome was gratifying — for after all bills were paid the Treasurer showed a balance on hand of $35.00. Commander MAXWELL deserves a great deal of credit for putting this over. He's a hard worker, and rates a credit, and he has the boys working with him.

As yet we have been unable to locate permanent quarters for our meetings — but believe we will be all set by the middle of January.

We expect to have the Dept. meeting sometime in the Spring and plans are under way already to make it one of the best ever.

We are small town boys here in Reading and surrounding towns and hamlets, but we are decidedly big time in our ideas as to the ways and means of improving our Chapter and increasing the membership.

We'd like all those who can from the neighboring chapters to drop in and say Hello to us, at our next meeting to be held on Thursday night, Jan. 11th.

Once again best wishes for the New Year.

— THOS. H. CAMPBELL,
Secretary.

SALEM

Commander: Thomas J. Bannon
12 May St., Salem, Mass.
Secretary: Charles A. Laforme
33 Balcom St., Salem, Mass.

Rain or shine, hot or cold there is a meeting every Friday in our Quarters of the old YD and after the meeting a little game of penny ante.

Monday, Dec. 4, our Ladies' Auxiliary officially presented us with our new YD colors, also refreshments, entertainment and dancing was enjoyed, we had as visitors Commander MAXWELL and Comrades CAMPBELL and CURTIN of the baby chapter of North Reading, also City Councillors Phil Durkins and Dooley. Everybody had a swell time and we certainly are proud of our new colors and our ladies.

Thursday, Dec. 12, THIBAULT and his wild witches, cribbage players, went to Lynn Chapter for a cribbage tournament, seeing as this was Lynn's first attempt at staging a tournament we eased up a bit and let them win. Just so as to give them a reputation.

Wednesday, Dec. 13, fourteen members of Salem Chapter paid a visit to the North Reading Chapter, we got lost in the snowstorm but finally got there at 8:45 we were well satisfied with our trip, they have the makings of a live wire chapter and they are a bunch of go-getters as all YD-ers should be.

Friday, Jan. 26, will be our first Smoker there will be moving pictures, entertainment, refreshments, etc. Our watchdog of the treasury THIBODEAU and nigger ST. PIERRE have been missing quite a few meetings lately, we understand they are attending Sister Susie's Sewing Circle. Might be they are taking crocheting or something, it is possible that they will give a demonstration of their ability at our first smoker. (And both infants from Co. H, 104th Inf.)

Sunday, Jan. 7, we will hold our Annual Children's New Year's Party in our Quarters, our Ladies' Auxiliary will be in charge of the affair. We know beforehand that the affair will be a success.

Poetry in Penny Ante

Willie "Ham" McHugh says to Tiny (265):
Johnny how about a little game of penny ante.
Hortense H. St. Charles says can I horn in
With my pal Belinda B. Tomkin.
Can a good artillery man get in says Dutch Ayer
And a good infantryman says Nigger St. Pierre
Can I get in ain't it says Wright who is always wrong
And our ex-member of the dolly club Count LaForme
So Paint Brush Artist can only get a look-see
While "Youse Guys" Bannon watches the kitty
In this swell game of penny ante.

— "Paint Brush Artist" THIBAULT.

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: Thomas A. Dee
59 Maynard St., Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: Roswell F. Patch
98 Alden St., Springfield, Mass.

Unfortunately, we could hold only one meeting in December due to the small number of members turning out for the first meeting. However, the usual loyal members did turn out and many matters of importance were acted upon.

Our hats are off once more to the Auxiliary for another splendid Christmas party for the children held at the G. A. R. Hall, Friday, December 15th. They certainly did a swell job and every one attending had a good time. Good old St. NICK COONS was present and took good care of the distribution of the gifts.

The high light of the evening was an amateur hour put on by Mrs. Maley's group. Mrs. Maley was a good mistress-of-ceremonies and knows just how to handle the kiddies. The star of the evening was little, five year old Jimmie Mullens.

How about some more of you fellows showing up at our pitch tournament? We play every

Wednesday evening and have a barrell of fun. Chairman ANDREW BIRNIE will be glad to have you join the team and help us beat some of our opponents. Just show up at the West Springfield Legion Home at 7:30 any Wednesday night and you will have an opportunity to show how good a pitch player you really are.

We are planning to form a bowling team and if any of you can roll them down the alley, get in touch with Comrade BRUNTON, 44 Ranney Street, Springfield, 'phone 4-5035.

We are planning to run a bazaar, and at our last meeting Comrade MALEY was appointed Chairman of this affair. If you feel you have any information that would assist Comrade MALEY in this enterprise, please contact him by calling 3-3453.

Commander Dee has requested that I make another appeal to our officers and members, asking them to put forth every effort to attend our meetings. Many of our members have not attended a meeting since Commander DEE took the chair. Let's give him the support that he deserves and turn out to the meetings.

January meetings are scheduled as follows:
Hotel Charles — Friday, January 5th.
G. A. R. Hall — Monday, January 15th.

Hope that we can get a good start for 1940 and have a big crowd at our January meetings.

Get A New Member In 1940

— ROSWELL F. PATCH,
Secretary.

WORCESTER

Commander: Herbert S. Buss
27 Englewood Ave., Worcester, Mass.
Secretary: Ernest C. Parent
13 Denny St., Worcester, Mass.

Meeting was held on Dec. 21st, Commander HERBERT BUSS presided. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and the reports of the Treasurer, BILL MURPHY, had been made and approved, the reports of committees was then brought before the body and all were accepted as read, the meeting then proceeded to take the following action: It was voted and seconded that the last two living members of the "Old Grand Army" of the G.A.R. Post of this city become both honorary members of the Worcester chapter. Mr. Edward L. Jaynes and George E. Frissell will be accorded each an honorary membership card and Comrade JOSEPH TIVNAN also suggested that each of the Civil War veterans be provided with a YD beret at the presentation of their membership cards. Comrade P.D.C. CLYDE O. ELLIOTT was named chairman of arrangements.

Report of the membership committee was made by Comrade J.V.C. BOB VAIL and it was made known that within the course of a short time it was expected that the Worcester chapter would have several members to be signed up many having been members in previous years and many new members. An open house and get-together will be held in the quarters at a later date at which time there will be a guest present who will be none other than our Department Commander AUSTIN F. APPLEBY who will show the motion pictures which have been shown in several of the chapters in the State, and from all reports those who have seen them have made some very complimentary remarks and the expression of thanks have gone out to the Dept. Commander.

Comrade EDWARD RACICOT, Batt. B., chairman of refreshments and house committee will be tendered a banquet in recognition of his past five years' work and the remarks which were made by Comrade AUSTIN KENNEDY were well understood by the body regarding the untiring efforts which Comrade RACICOT has undertaken for the good and welfare of the YD. Those who have served with the chairman will be guests of the evening and it is expected that a good time will be had by all who will attend this event. Comrade ERNIE PARENT made a suggestion that this banquet be held in the Rainbow Gardens, which is owned and operated by Comrade MALACHI M. KELLEY, Co. G, 101st Inf. A committee is expected to be named by Commander HERB BUSS at a later date. A suitable gift will be presented to Comrade RACICOT and the faithful hard working members of his committee.

Worcester chapter has at this time completed all arrangements for the Dept. Meeting which will be held in the Homer J. Wheaton V.F.W. quarters on January 7th, Comrades P.D.C. CLYDE O. ELLIOTT, MICHAEL EARLY, THOMAS MCCARTHY, HENRY RUSSELL, HILDING AHLQUIST, HARRY J. FISH, GEORGE M. SNOW, were named on the committee. A young roast pig dinner and all the fixings will be served to all members remaining for the eats and liquids. There will be more news of the outcome of this meeting in the next issue of the DOINGS.

Several reports have come forth from many children and parents of the Xmas Party given by President JOHN YESS of the YD Parents

Association. He has announced that on February 6th the annual banquet will be held in the Eden Gardens, tickets will be on sale to all the YD'ers and their friends and as a result of the success which was noted last year it is expected that the coming event will be duplicated. The YD Parents Association is becoming one of Worcester's most active organizations and the drum and bugle corps are being outfitted with new equipment and drills are being held weekly under the supervision of experienced musicians.

— Ernest C. Parent, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander: Laurence H. Cook, 62 Malden St., Cranston, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: Howard W. Hunt, 51 Star St., Pawtucket, R. I.

The Officers and members of the three chapters in Rhode Island take this opportunity of wishing the members of other chapters throughout the entire Yankee Division Veterans Association a most Happy and Prosperous New Year. May it bring you an abundance of good health, wealth and happiness.

The next department meeting of this department will be held on Sunday afternoon, January 21, 1940 at 2.30 P.M., in Odd Fellows Hall, Crompton, R. I., just off Route 3. Kent County Chapter will be the hosts. It is the first meeting of the New Year so let's have a good turn out, and start the year off right. The women folks are cordially invited. An interesting program has been arranged for their entertainment while the men folks are in meeting. Kent County chapter has left no stone unturned to make this a banner meeting. Come out and lend a helping hand.

— Bunny.

PROVIDENCE

Commander: Henry W. McCarthy
12 George St., Providence, R. I.
Secretary: Howard W. Hunt
51 Star St., Pawtucket, R. I.

At the December meeting your faithful scribe was among the missing. Consequently this report may not be as thorough as it should be. However, from conversations here and there the following information was gleaned:

The meeting was very poorly attended only about 35 members put in an appearance. Whether the small number can be attributed to the fact that the meeting fell so close to Xmas, the weather, or whether interest is beginning to slacken is a matter of conjecture. Certainly something is radically wrong when an organization such as we have in Providence drops from 75 to 80 members in attendance at meetings to around 30. It's time those in command took count of stock and made some effort to correct it.

Reports were rendered by the chairman of the committee on naming the Point St. Viaduct in honor of General Edwards. It is hoped that we will be able to dedicate this beautiful highway to the memory of our beloved Commander with appropriate ceremonies early in the spring.

Plans were discussed for an open meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 17th at 8.30 P.M. in the YD Armory on Harrison St., at which time an intensive membership drive will be started to last until convention time.

Your reporter sat in on some of the plans being outlined and planned for the annual convention in Boston on June 6-7-8, 1940, and believe me, fellas, better begin to save up those pennies so you can be on hand to enjoy every bit of the fun. It promises to be the best yet. Keep those dates fresh in your mind and make your plans accordingly. Register early.

The high spot of the evening's meeting was the entertainment put on under the chairmanship of Dept. Commander Larry Cook. The feature show was put on by Mr. C. Foster Fenner, an accomplished magician. His show was exceptionally good and was well received by those who did show up. Anyway the gang had some fun watching Mr. Fenner pull ducks, rabbits, alarm clocks, flags, cards, and what-not out of his hat and bag. Refreshments followed.

— Bunny.

APREMONT CHAPTER

Pawtucket and Surrounding Area

Commander John I. Rancourt
1137 Smithfield Ave., Saylesville, R. I.
Secretary: Ralph W. Dexter
43 Thornley St., Pawtucket, R. I.

Over 200 members and their friends attended a presentation of colors by Apremont Chapter in Irish-American Hall on Thursday evening, December 14, 1939. National Commander Jerry O'Leary was the guest of honor. Other guests were Nat. Ass't. Secretary Howard W. Hunt,

Dept. Commander LAWRENCE H. COOK, Dept. Sergt.-at-Arms WALTER VICKERY, WILLIAM MONTI, Commander of Kent County chapter; William Dubuque, District Commander, Amer. Legion, Bristol County, Mass.; Oscar Cloutier, Commander Lawrence E. Redmond chapter, D.A.V., and District Sergt.-at-Arms Ernest Vigeant, Amer. Legion, Bristol County, Mass.

Commander RANCOURT of Apremont chapter opened the meeting and after welcoming the guests called on Past Commander JOHN R. MORAN, chairman of the ceremonies, who outlined the procedure and then introduced Nat. Ass't. Secretary HOWARD W. HUNT, who presented the colors.

Secretary HUNT called the gathering to their feet as the beautiful colors were brought forward. It is fitting and proper that a chapter, with 100 or more members, should own and display its colors on such occasions as is deemed advisable. The National Emblem, which we honor and under which we serve, is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and purpose as a nation. The YD flag, which we also honor and under which we served, is the emblem of our patriotism, our sacrifices and devotion to our country in time of need. No man ever served under a finer set of colors.

Secretary HUNT praised Past Commander MORAN and Treasurer ALBERT PLANT for the part they played in obtaining the colors without expense to the chapter. We say to them, "Well done thou good and faithful sons of YD."

The speaker also stated that it was during his term as Dept. Commander of Rhode Island that Apremont Chapter was chartered and organized and that he was keenly interested in whatever the chapter undertakes to do.

Secretary HUNT in presenting the colors to Commander RANCOURT, who accepted them for the chapter, stated that it afforded him a real thrill, a rare treat and extreme pleasure to be able to present this gorgeous set of colors to the chapter. Continuing he stated that he trusted the colors would be used in the proper manner, displayed upon such occasions as seems advisable, and that the colors will be an inspiration to each and every member of the chapter to reach new heights, attain new achievements, and to grow and prosper into one of the finest chapters in the Yankee Division Veterans' Association.

Commander RANCOURT accepted the colors for the chapter with very fitting and appropriate remarks. He then proceeded to call on Nat. Commander O'LEARY for a few words. An entertainment followed and was given under the direction of Miss Celia Buchler. Dancing and refreshments closed the meeting.

— "Lanky" DEXTER.

On December 29th Apremont chapter held its final meeting of 1939. It has been an eventful year, one filled with plenty of activity and a very material increase in its membership roll. Apremont chapter is proud of this record. As the members looked back over their accomplishments with satisfaction and joy, they all resolved to make next year an even better one and to give other chapters in this YDVA of ours, something to shoot at.

At this meeting the chapter was presented with an Altar Bible which is more than 100 years old. KENNETH S. DALE, general secretary of the local YMCA presented the Bible as a gift from the "Y". It will be used for installation exercises and ritualistic work of the chapter.

Commander JOHN RANCOURT in accepting the Bible for the chapter expressed the sincere thanks and appreciation of the chapter for this splendid gift.

After a short business meeting which included the appointment of comrades AL PLANTE, JOHN MORAN and Commander RANCOURT to represent the chapter at the Roosevelt birthday ball committee meeting early in January; the naming of a committee to arrange for the chapter's anniversary banquet consisting of comrades WALTER JENKS, ALBERT FRECHETTE, LIONEL CONNELL, CHARLES FULLER and WILLIAM GARLICK; the hearty endorsement by the chapter of the Roosevelt birthday ball, Nat. Ass't. Sec. HOWARD W. HUNT was called upon for his usual enlightening and instructive talk on the affairs of the YD. Secretary HUNT spoke at length on the preparations for the January membership campaign. Past Dept. Commander RAY KINCAID of Connecticut will be the chairman of this all important committee. Sec. HUNT requested the chapter to take some action at this meeting by appointing membership teams to compete one against the other, also to make plans for a big "Open House" meeting during the campaign to get as many YD men interested in the association as possible. At the conclusion of Secretary HUNT's talk the chapter decided to hold "Open House" at their January 26th meeting and to invite every YD man in the community and surrounding areas to attend. Entertainment will be presented and an address will be given by a very prominent YD speaker. AL SHABBOTT, JOHN MORAN and HERBERT GRYLLS will be in charge of this meeting

and in charge of the membership drive as well.

The chapter will be well represented at the State meeting in Odd Fellows' Hall, Crompton on Sunday afternoon, January 21st. Kent County chapter will play host at this meeting.

— Al Plante.

Hello, every Buddy. Well if you think this old YD book isn't worth reading you haven't met any of our members. Just try skipping one issue without news of Apremont Chapter and see the razzing you get. "I got less for being A.W.O.L. in LeMans." I hope I can make up for it so here goes. First, our thanks to the members of Providence and Kent County chapters and YD Drum Corps of Prov. for helping us in our last Church and Armistice Day parades. The movies we took, while not the best in photography, are pretty good.

On Dec. 8, at our regular meeting the Chapter voted to incorporate. The papers were signed by all members present. Pete Bourget and Herb Grylls were the committee in charge of these papers. After discussing the merits of refreshments at our meeting Pete didn't think ham and eggs were necessary to get members out, but majority of mess hounds thought different, voted fire house committee and appoint new one for three months: Jan., Feb., Mar. "This is as long as they last anyway." Al Plant, Herb Murray and Zazo Baltazaar are on the new committee.

Dec. 14, meeting in Irish-American Hall, where we held our presentation of colors ceremony. A large crowd was present and any one who missed it sure missed a good time. For further details I believe Howard Hunt has a special story on another page. Read this and see what you missed.

We were slow in starting the meeting due to one, and our only, representative in the field of horse racing. Herby Grylls showed up after being absent the past two meetings. Of course we found out why our money went the wrong way, not the horse. He always finished, even though we were home ahead of him. The poor thing has been suffering from *Inguinal Hernia.* "Nubian Boy," that's his name, is just a youngster and therefore not entitled to any hospitilization like war veterans. I understand Herb bought him a ring and that fixed him up. Well, I remember ponies in the shows always danced better after receiving gifts, maybe "Nubian Boy" will run better.

— Albert Plant.

KENT COUNTY CHAPTER

Commander: William Monti
Arnold Neck, West Warwick, R. I.
Secretary: Yvon Archambault
145 Washington St., West Warwick, R. I.

Our meeting for December was held at the Redmen's Hall on Wednesday, December 27th at 8.30 P.M. sharp. There were 20 members present and all officers. Commander Monti was in the chair. Our State Commander, Larry Cook, was there to give us a helping hand. He sure is a big help to the YDVA. Commander Monti brought in three new members and J. C. Edwards brought in four. First Vice Commander Bergin brought in one.

The Kent County Chapter hopes to have a big turnout from the Providence Chapter and the Apremont Chapter at the State meeting which will be held on Sunday, January 21st at Odd Fellows' Hall in Crompton, on School street. Come one! Come all! you YD men and your families, as there will be an interesting program of entertainment and lunch after the meeting. We want to make this State Meeting the biggest one the State Department has ever had, so come all you YD men and make it the biggest and best. We set out last State meeting in Pawtucket to make a quota of 50 members by the next meeting and I know we can do it. Watch us grow.

— J. C. Edwards.

P.S. Members of Kent County: Do not forget to drop a card to our sick members, Roy Stowe is ill at present. We hope our National Secretary Phil Sanborn will be on the job soon.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: Gardiner H. Hall, 121 South St., Willimantic, Ct.
Dep't. Secretary: Clyde G. Beckwith, 12 Trotter St., Manchester, Ct.

Department Commander's Report
July 9th through December 20th

In making this report bear in mind that this is done for the sole purpose of giving all Conn. YD men a picture of what your Dept. Commander and his Officers have been doing. You put us into office and we are reporting to you our activities since taking over in July. We have been in office 23 weeks. Taking out three weeks in August for vacation and two more for

a rest from our duties we make this report which covers actually 18 weeks of active work:

Number of weeks actually active, 18; number of miles travelled, 4810; average miles per week, 267; average miles per trip, 89; average trips per week, 3; number of trips, 54.

Number of installations attended, 4; number of banquets attended, 3; number of receptions attended, 3; number of Chapter Visitations, 24; number of Chapter Visitations outside of Conn., 4; Department Committee Meetings, 6; Department Officers Meetings, 3; Department State Meetings, 5; Hospital Visitations, 5; number of dedications, 4; YD dances, 2.

Now for a little real inside information that many, I am sure, are interested in. I am taking you into my own personal expense account so you may know what it means to carry this office. It will give others something to think about in the future.

In covering the above mileage I have used 481 gal. of gas and 16 quarts of oil at a cost of $101.00. Postage has cost $9.00 and spending money used for all purposes while on these trips has amounted to $75.00. To date all expenses total $185.00.

From the beginning all Dept. Officers have taken an active part in all activities connected with the Dept. of Conn. Y.D.V.A. Chapter meetings have been in many cases exceptionally good the membership turning out in large numbers and these meetings have been conducted by ritual and always in a business like manner. In other cases Chapters have had very poor attendance and the meetings have been more or less of the uninteresting kind. In fairness to the Chapter Commanders it should be said that in all instances these men have tried and are still trying to do their job well.

I am especially grateful and proud of the way Dept. Officers without exception have given their all to make our year one of the best. My Sr. V. Sect. and Sgt.-at-Arms have been doing great work and have put in a great many miles travelling with your Commander. My Sgt.-at-Arms is a stand-out — he never misses. Other officers when ever able have been of great assistance and have travelled considerably also. Finances are low but the Dept. Treas. has all bills paid and a little cash left over. The Sect. has done a marvelous job in getting out all notices and communications.

Membership in the past three months has been very slow but is going forward. At this time we are ahead of last year's figure which is given as of March 31st last (1055) and still have three months to go before our fiscal year runs out. A little more push on the part of all our members will shove this count up to a new high of 1500, which we want and want bad.

State meetings have been terrible, the attendance really so bad that one might think that there was no YD at all. You men who have been lazy and you fellows who like to let the other fellow do it, for heaven's sake wake up before it is too late and take the second Sunday of every month for YD State Meetings. Bring the wife and she will enjoy meeting those ladies who make it a regular habit of attending. I am expecting no alibis in the future for non-attendance from any one. Get off the floor men and gather in the sunshine of a YD State Meeting.

All in all we are progressing slowly but surely how about a helping hand from each one who claims membership in our YD State organization and put our membership up where it belongs. Suggestions are wide open from anyone for the good of our YD. Let's have them.

— G. H. Hall,
Dept. Commander.

State Meeting — December 8

The Conn. Dept. Officers held a meeting on Friday, December 8, at Club Alden, Hartford. Two or three items of major importance were outlined, which was a real help in getting them over with a minimum of time and effort at the state meeting.

SVC Wm. Allen, speaking for the finance committee, offered an acceptable plan for boosting the state treasury with a time card sale of chances at 2c a chance. (The state meeting gave the plan the O.K.)

Bill also rounded up a 45-minute show for Newington Hospital and was ready to put it on late in January but Major Bannigan asks us to wait until April. It can wait and we expect to put it over then.

Commander Hall renewed his attack on membership quotas and if the chapters follow New Britain and Stamford or adopt plans as good, you will see Conn. over the 1200 mark this next March.

On Tuesday, December 19, at New Britain nine Conn. Dept. officers attended a social evening as guests of the New Britain Chapter. In addition to plenty of refreshments, Mr. Judd, banker and circus fan, showed two reels of behind the scenes circus film, partly in color, and with a concurrent and extremely interesting talk on the circus (including the Circus Fans' Associa-

tion Convention). District Commander ART BUTCHER (former State Secretary) was present, his first appearance with the gang since his confinement in Newington Hospital. Also present were a number of prospective members. All of which is good stuff for YDVA.

— CLYDE G. BECKWITH,
State Secretary.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Yankee Division fought and left its dead on the battlefields of France in defense of the principles of freedom and democracy, and

Whereas, the REPUBLIC OF FINLAND, a government of free people, meeting faithfully its obligations to other nations, and one of the few remaining democracies in Europe, is now fighting for its life and the preservation of its democracy, therefore

Be it resolved, that the YANKEE DIVISION VETERANS' ASSOCIATION, convened at the State Armory at Ansonia on December 10th 1939, extend a vote of sympathy to the people of Finland through our Representatives and Senators at Washington.

This is to certify that the above resolution was passed unanimously by the Department of Connecticut, Y.D.V.A.

— CLYDE G. BECKWITH,
State Secretary.

BRIDGEPORT

Commander: Clarence W. Geer
60 Olsen Court, Bridgeport, Conn.
Secretary: Leslie R. Barlow
39 Woodmont Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.

Sorry — but we have no report from BILL GOODNOW as to whether he sold that pig or not.

Don't whisper a word so that it will get back around the girls in Norwalk, but that AL HERMAN makes some Maestro. If you don't believe it don't fail to get to our next Armistice night party, for a great "returned by request" engagement.

Oh sure, AL SCHULTZ is home from the Veterans Hospital and has gone to work again. He reports they have discontinued those square eggs for breakfast at Newington. Eats still swell though.

Good old SAM MARCUS is still at the Veterans Home at Noroton and it surely seems strange to see him back in an O.D. uniform again.

ERNEST MAY says it seems good to read that our old friend PHIL SANBORN is writing again.

Captain GEER says — Don't forget we voted to meet but twice each month. The 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. We'll be a-seein' Ya.

That gang who attended the birthday party of Col. CHARLES (Doc to you) SPRAGUE, reports having one swell time.

BILL MCELROY is telling all the boys. "Don't forget to save those dimes for the big "shindig" at Boston this year.

Several of the boys received Christmas cards from Dr. THOMAS D. MACROSSIE now of Copiague, Long Island, N. Y.

JIMMY MORRELL says it's a cinch to pick out the gazabo who is going to let half the town slide by when you get to the rotary traffic. It's the guy in the second car ahead of you.

Our gang is getting out a list of all YD men in this vicinity and will mail one to each individual whether a member of our Chapter or not, in the hope that they may renew acquaintances with their cronies of the First World War.

Here's a couple of chaps you haven't heard about of late, but they are very much alive and living at Bridgeport. We refer to JOSEPH SCOTT and ANDY BABASICK.

Wish FRED KELLER, DUD MILLS, ELMER TROLAND, CARLETON BRIGGS, "PETE" BARTLETT, JOHN BROWN, WILBUR CHAYER and FRED COLLIER would appear at one of our meetings. We sure would sing, "Roll Out the Barrels."

Wish they would strike up a medal for all those lads who have worked so industriously since the "guerre" but just do not get the breaks and though looking into 1940 with a soul that keeps accusing, "You haven't made good," "You can't make the grade in this cockeyed world," "Your quarter of a century of labor has netted you naught." Still their hearts drive them on and on, into the sundown of life with only the hope that their loved ones may at least have the few meager things of life. These were the boys who years ago searched their souls as they slogged through the mud at night, for the answer to the question, "Will I make good when the crisis comes?"

They have *carried* on. They *did* make good. They *are* getting old — that's all.

— Same old DICK.

HARTFORD

Commander: John J. Costello
49 Wyllys St., Hartford, Conn.
Secretary: Paul J. Caravatt
483 Hillside Ave., Hartford, Conn.

At our December meeting John J. Sullivan, contact representative of the Veterans Administration at Newington representing Major Thomas J. Bannigan, manager, was the principal speaker. Having been connected with the Veterans Administration for the past twenty years he spoke of the hospitalization, insurance and the care of widows and orphans. There was a large attendance at the meeting and plans were made for the state meeting to be held in Hartford in January and the Chapters annual banquet to be held in February. CECIL HEDGES was appointed chairman for the arranging of the state meeting. HERBERT NELSON was appointed chairman for the annual chapter banquet.

A Christmas party was given the children of the junior drum and bugle corps on Friday evening, December 22nd at the State Trade School. ARTHUR NIELSEN, chairman, and his committee arranged one of the best affairs the children ever enjoyed. The parents of the children also attended. An exchange of presents were made by the children. A large Christmas tree was on display with electric lights. Sgt.-at-Arms JOHN CURTIN played the part of Santa Claus and all the children received their gifts by him.

A new set of colors were presented to the corps by Mayor Thomas J. Spellacy.

The Mayor speaking after the presentation said that the people of Hartford are very much interested in what the YD have been doing and are very much impressed with the progress made by the Junior Drum Corps which is rated among the best in the state.

Just before the Christmas rush at the P.O. got me, I had a chance to visit at the Newington Hospital and had a short visit with GEORGE McAVOY and RALPH QUIGLEY and several other buddies. TOMMY CROKAN, his wife and daughter from Springfield dropped in on me, and I kept Tommy busy with my collection of histories. Tommy has contributed many articles for the national history.

With the January state meeting in Hartford, and the 21st Annual Banquet in February, there will be plenty of local publicity. And every local monthly meeting from now until the National Convention in Boston will be plenty interesting. Always the first Monday of the month at the State Armory at 8.00 P.M.

— JOHN J. GOSS.

NEW HAVEN

Commander: John T. Dillon
185 Upson Terrace, New Haven, Conn.
Secretary: Albert W. Smith
20 Arden Street, New Haven, Conn.

The question of whether or not to acquire a permanent home was the main subject of discussion at the first December meeting of New Haven Chapter. The Ways and Means committee, headed by Past Commander FRANK LEE, recommended that a 10-room house on the heights in New Haven Annex be leased for a year. After much discussion it was finally voted to rent the place for one month and devote that month to trying to work out an assured income of about $100 a month to carry the property. The spot is ideal and the first floor of the building can be converted easily into a meeting room and dance hall.

Senior Vice Commander FRED HIRSCH reported a profit of $9 for the Chapter and the Post from the Armistice Night affair and a profit of about $38 from the turkey drawing which FRED handled practically single-handed just before Thanksgiving. FRED and Doc DOLAN handled the kids Christmas party sponsored jointly by the post and chapter.

LEN MALONEY for the activities committee reported that, thanks to the persistency of NICK SALVATORE, our historian, the Parker plaque would be cast in alumnium. It is at the foundry now. Len showed pictures of the new headstone over General EDWARDS' grave in Arlington which came to him through NATE GOLDEN.

AL SMITH accepted the chapter secretaryship, vacated by LES BIGELOW, who is working nights in the postoffice. PAT QUINN and IRVING HAWKES have been given permanent appointments in the postoffice, although Irv is still on the sick list. GEORGE STALEY is recuperating from an accident in New Haven hospital and we have heard that TOMMY GLASSO is now in the Hospital of St. Raphael. Tommy, too, has been laid up for a long time. BUD FISHER has returned to work after an appendectomy.

Anybody know Captain WILLIAM McKENZIE, former skipper of Co. H, 103rd Infantry? A buddy in Waukegan, Ill., wants to locate him.

The first December meeting was held in Comrade JIM COOGAN'S Seacliff Inn and Commander JACK DILLON presided. — L. J. M.

MERIDEN

What the dickens is the matter with you fellows of the Meriden Chapter? Your Commander sent every one of you a card for the meeting, Monday night, December 11th, as he has in the past, but as usual, only seven showed up. One member from the Bostol chapter travelled over here on icy roads. And to think you fellows couldn't travel a mile to attend.

Comrades, you have one of the swellest guys in this chapter who sits in the driver's seat and he has been driving like h — l. What is it getting him? How far is he going? Nobody shows up to help him along. Is that the way your "Daddy" EDWARDS wanted it when he said, "CARRY ON"? Your Commander has done everything, even going so far as to put on a swell lunch, yet no one appears to nibble on it. What do you want a turkey supper every meeting night?

Come on fellows, show up. That is the least you can do for a swell guy. Come one, come all for the good of the old YDVA. Come on all, let's get behind Commander ROKAWSKI and help him drive over the top.

— HARRY P. ADAMS,
Past Commander.

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DENVER

"Rocky Mountain Chapter"
Commander: Albert W. Rockwell
1414 Marion St., Denver
Secretary: Arthur G. Vetter
1205 Logan St., Denver, Colo.

The usual gang of the old faithfuls gathered at the Jewel Cafe on the night of Dec. 18th for our regular monthly meeting. It seemed good to have "Rocky" back with us once more after an absence of several months. Believe it or not — Rocky — it's you rather than your bottle which we enjoy having with us. After an enjoyable feed and the usual "bull session" we adjourned until Jan. 15th when our regular January meeting will take place.

Some of the gang received Christmas cards from buddies of their old outfits. Rocky received one from his former "top kick", Sgt. HENRICKSON, who also sent along a Hartford YD Convention badge. VETTER received a card from TED TRACEY, now of the Waltham fire dept. NORTON and VETTER both received cards from Sgt. REGAN formerly of the 104th Infantry. Happy New Year from the Mile High City.

— VETTER.

DETROIT

Commander: John H. Guittaud
7407 Dunedin, Detroit, Mich.
Secretary: David Swartz
15,815 Linwood, Detroit, Mich.

Hail, fire, brimstone, and then — the deluge. Comments, good ideas, and plenty of sparks flying as the boys of Detroit went into action going on record as having the hottest meeting of the times. One and a half hours of fiery debate and oratory kept the boys on their toes which, when summed up, spells pep!

PETE SADY started the ball rolling. STANLEY DICKINSON, our hard working member, spoke on several constructive ideas hitting the bell one hundred per cent, while our genial pipe-smoking and strong supporter, HORATIO BUCKLEY, got himself a job on the Entertainment Committee with an idea to raise some much needed cash and this idea we hope to find supplying us with a nice bank-roll.

Listening to us as our guest was Don Hennessy, of the Rainbow Division and Purple Heart, who, at our request, gave us some darn sound words that were well appreciated.

This meeting had a good turn-out and had the boys thinking. If we can keep up this good work the boys will want to be at future meetings on time in order to get in on the ground floor and get the full blast of a hot time in the old burg as expounded by our orators.

If these coming series of events and peppy meetings do not bring a one hundred per cent turn-out of the membership then we will have to have two hot meetings the same night or — somethin'.

The Detroit Chapter extends the compliments of the season to all.

— DAVID SWARTZ.

NEW YORK

Commander: Joseph C. McGlone
27 West 44th Street, New York, N. Y.
Secretary: Harry A. Burt
594 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

For some the Christmas Spirit is here — whether it be in bottles or from light-heartedness and for others, well why talk about it because there is enough of it in the world.

The New York Chapter held its December meeting on the evening of December 20th, 1939 in the 77th Division Clubhouse at 28 East 39th Street, New York. It had been raining all day long and it was a miserable evening. When Commander McGlone called the meeting to order at 8:50 there were about 18 members present — by the time the meeting broke up at 11:15 there were sixty members and guests present. Without fear of contradiction, everyone enjoyed themselves immensely.

John O'Neill was called upon to read the Chaplain's Prayer, inasmuch as Father Thomas F. Temple is entirely too busy to get to meetings. Was talking with him on the train the other evening and after finding out what he does with his time, I began to wonder where he finds the time to do the things that he does.

It was a pleasure to see Jim Hurley among those accounted for — we have missed big Jim very much. The evening was full of surprises because after we greeted Jim, in walked Fred Werring whom we have not seen in months due to personal reasons. We were mighty glad to see him and hope to see more of him in the future. Fred was tickled to see his old Captain, Parker Browne among those present and it seemed to be mutual. Bill Burns came over from Newark and that chap Merrill was present, although not as noisy as many I could mention, especially Bud Beaudry. It was also our pleasure to have introduced Captain Lockwood of the 207th Pursuit Squadron. If I have missed any visitors, am sorry but there was such a full house and so much activity, it was impossible to get everything unless I had four ears.

Secretary Harry Burt read a letter received from Bart Kiley who is now back in circulation, although the circulation is not as rapid as we hope it will be soon. Bart is feeling quite some better but still must take care not to overdo. Good luck and our very best wishes, Bart, for a speedy comeback.

It was also reported that Tracey Potter has been confined to the hospital but is about ready to be discharged. This was news to everyone — hope you are O.K. now Captain and that you regain your strength rapidly.

A resolution was offered whereby all amendments to the By-laws voted upon at the last meeting were rescinded and nullified. This was put to vote and unanimously carried. Thus ends the big battle of the year.

Commander McGlone appointed the Nominating Committee which is to consist of eleven members — they are, Edward J. Nelson, Roy Jackson, Ralph Cluff, Elwood Cooney, Claude M. Seitz, John F. Foley, Fred R. Paty, Edward B. Writer, Clarence Edward Wilson, Roderick MacRae, Ernest Kluge. Gee, Gosh, it would seem that if this Nominating Committee functions at all we should have a wonderful slate of Officers for 1940. Let's go, we must go forward.

Dr. Joseph K. Surls deserves the orchids for having been the person to get kodachrome pictures of the Michael Lerner Expedition for the Museum of Natural History. These pictures consisted of scenes in New Zealand and also fishing for marlin, also some of the native dancers going through their paces. Doc. Buehler fell for the dancers. The pictures were most interesting particularly when we saw Mr. Lerner pulling in some big marlin but we give the prize to Mrs. Lerner who landed one weighing close to 700 pounds. This film was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Then came the Christmas Cheer Baskets on which the Chapter made a net of over three hundred dollars. Julius Fedel walked away with the first prize; Helen M. Doyle of New York received second prize and M. Audrechak of Brooklyn took third prize.

Here is wishing you all a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year and may the New York Chapter increase in size and prestige.

— Whit.

LOS ANGELES
"Southern California Chapter"

Commander: Warren S. Jaques
5625 Ensign Ave., No. Hollywood, Calif.
Secretary: George K. Mitchell
824 Cresthaven Drive, Los Angeles, Calif.

Turning out in larger numbers than for some years previous, members of the YD Club of Southern California helped to make the 1939 Armistice Day Parade in downtown Los Angeles the best one yet.

Led by Commander Warren Jaques and Past Commander Joe McCarthy, who was in

charge of the 26th Division unit of the Combat Divisions section, the YD boys made an impressive showing as they stepped off the three mile route ending with a review by the Mayor and other dignitaries.

Following the parade a celebration dinner was held at the Hayward Hotel and again the Yankee Division table was one of the largest of the Combat Division groups assembled there as the boys and their ladies made merry.

We held a regular business meeting on December 3rd, and our annual Christmas Party on December 17th, which was particularly fine in the opinion of the many who attended.

Everyone brought gifts for the beautifully decorated Christmas Tree and there was the usual quantity of good things to eat, ice cream, cookies and candy after the fine entertainment featuring the Meglin Kiddies in dance numbers, which the committee had secured, included a forty-minute movie show contributed by Comrade FRANK MEREDITH.

CHARLIE OLSEN, VOLNEY GILLSON, STEVE SKELSKY and GEORGE CANNON were the committee who put on this successful party and they can well be proud of their efforts.

— G. K. M.

WASHINGTON

Commander: Joseph Jordan, Jr.
1750 Harvard St., Washington, D. C.
Secretary: Raymond J. Queenin
4619 Warren St., NW, Washington, D. C.

The YD Club of Washington met in the Board Room of Fenner and Beane's brokerage office on Wednesday evening, December 6, 1939. JOE JORDAN, our Commander, sent word that he would be late so the meeting was opened at 8:40 by Second Vice Commander DAVE DODIC, in Dave's own inimitable manner.

Among those present, in addition to the Acting Commander, were BARTRAM, QUEENIN, BURR, GOLDEN, ERICKSON, SHARPLES, BRADLEY, ELLIS, HUTCHINS, CARSON, LANGDON, and CLEAVELAND. Commander JORDAN arrived at 9:30 but, when he saw what a beautiful job Dave was doing, he refused to relieve him.

A motion to increase the club dues, which had been tabled at the last meeting, was taken from the table on motion of PAUL HUTCHINS and defeated. Comrade Ridings, formerly of the 102nd F.A., now employed at the Government Print Office was a visitor. We are counting on BILL SHARPLES signing him up as a member.

Treasurer AL BARTRAM read a financial report covering the period from May to November, showing a cash balance on hand, subject to a few small bills, of $21.04. "We ain't got much — but our budget is balanced".

On motion of Capt. BURR, a vote of appreciation was given Comrades GOLDEN and CASWELL and the rest of the committee which made the arrangements for the dedication of the new stone on the Old Man's grave on Armistice Day.

On motion of Commander JORDAN, Sergeant FRANK WITCHY, U. S. Army, retired, was made an honorary member of the Club. Sergeant WITCHY is the bugler who blew taps at the funerals of the Unknown Soldier and General EDWARDS. He has cooperated with the Club on many occasions and handled the bugle calls again on Armistice Day.

It was decided to hold the usual services at General EDWARDS' grave on his birthday, New Year's Day. The members of the Club assembled at the grave at 10:45 A.M. The services commenced at 11 A. M.

Comrades GOLDEN and HUTCHINS were appointed a committee to find possible places for the annual Installation Banquet and Dance. March 30, 1940, was set as a tentative date for the Banquet. Nominations and elections will be held at the February meeting (February 7, 1940).

It was reported that Mrs. George S. Simonds is now residing in Washington, and it was unanimously voted that she be invited to attend the Banquet as honorary guest of the Club.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M., after which several of the boys repaired to GRAY CARSON'S new apartment in Stoneleigh Courts to study the merits of a reputedly infallible cure for snake bite. It took several votes to settle the question.

The Washington Chapter members and their families are sure getting in the society column of the Washington papers.

The Washington *Post* of December 15th gave a detailed account in the column "About the Town" by Dudly Harmon of a house party given by the JOHN CASWELLS after the White House Reception on the 14th.

On the 23rd a half-page was devoted to the debut of Miss Margaret Stuyvessant Houteling, daughter of Commissioner of Immigration, J. L. HOUTELING, who is a member of the Washington Chapter. The guests' list read like the social register of the country.

— R. J. Q.

ENGINEER ENTRIES

E CO. ECHOES

Long time no see "Echoes" but here she is at last in time to wish you all a happy Christmas and a thoroughly delightful, successful and prosperous New Year. Which reminds us that that Volume Number XX at our mast-head means a lot of time has passed since this vehicle for echoing "E" Co. news started out. Just think of it! Twenty long years have passed so fast that it hardly seems possible, and the older we grow the faster they go.

We didn't know that Tommy Watson had another brother till a fine looking young chap came in to see us about Tommy's insurance over which there was some mix-up. Harry Watson was the young man's name and he looked a lot like Tommy and seemed like the same sort of a swell guy. Jim Ciccolo's wife also was having trouble about compensation and several "E" men tried to help out. Charlie Hurter has the sympathy of us all in the loss of his father whose burial took place the Saturday after Labor Day.

Carl Payson is open to congratulations on his election as Commander of the Milton Post of the Legion. Atta boy, Carl! Good luck to you from all of us. Jack Currier may be found nowadays down around the South Station offering the best of taxi transportation to all comers. He's an ardent worker for attendance at the YD convention.

Bill Mattson with his wife and daughter took a trip West and had a delightful time with Major and Mrs. John E. Langley, at the Presidio, San Francisco, Calif. Somehow, Bill knew that your Secretary was also to go out to the Coast and by snappy liaison work, arranged that said Secretary would not miss calling on our old Captain Johnny. All came out as planned and it was a great pleasure to see the Major who has put on some weight, like the rest of us, and with his greying hair, looks very distinguished and fine. He was a perfect host.

Through the thoughtfulness of Guy Watts, Secretary of the YD Club of Boston, we have picked up the following a.w.o.l. members: Cecil Hanson, 20 Ivy St., Pawtucket, R. I., George E. Matook, 3001 River Rd., Riverside, Ill., and M. L. Pomeroy, 831 Forest Ave., Oak Park, Ill.

The following considered dues due since last issue: Arthur Stanley, Okie O'Connor, (both of whom wrote nice letters with their checks), Maurice Corkery, John Rooney, Harold Brownson, Orville Caseley. Okie is Senior Vice Commander of Woodland Hills Post 1863, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Cleveland, Ohio, and his home address is 2691 East 116th St., that same city.

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James A. Cummings, former member of Company I, 103rd Infantry of Eastport, Maine and Sheriff of Washington County, Maine, for 14 years, died suddenly in Machias on December 26th. Dukie as he was known all over Eastern Maine, retired a few years ago from the Sheriff's job and recently had charge of the State Liquor Store in Machias.

Michael F. Bricke, formerly of C Company and also the Machine Gun Company of the 101st Infantry, died December 28th after a long lingering illness. Mike was an engineer at the City Hall in Boston for a number of years and a member of the Boston Club. Services were held at the Holy Cross Cathedral on Sunday afternoon, December 31st.

A report has been received that Clarence Knight, formerly of the Supply Company, 104th Infantry, died around the first of December. Further details not known.

Albert H. Flagg, formerly of the Emmett Guards, G Co., 101st Infantry, was killed accidently while hunting in Maine and died at the Hospital at Togus, Maine. Burial was from his family home in Worcester and Bearers were from his company. Company G Veterans Association had charge of the funeral and about fifty of his comrades turned out.

The magazine "Purple Heart" reports the death of Berl Parish, formerly of Company C, 102nd Infantry at the U. S. Veterans Hospital, San Fernando, Calif.

Report has been received of the death of Henry R. Duchesne of Headquarters Company, 101st Supply Train and a member of the Lynn Chapter at the Chelsea Naval Hospital on December 22nd.

Frederick D. Huntington, formerly Captain of Battery A, 101st Field Artillery, died at Hadley, Mass., January 7th, 1940.

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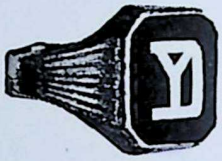

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